

**DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2003 - 11:00 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

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## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Council Members Present:** Jon Camp, Chair; Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy, Ken Svoboda, Patte Newman, Glenn Friendt.

**Council Member Absent:** Terry Werner

**Others Present:** Mayor Coleen Seng, Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Darl Naumann, Lin Quenzer, Mayor's Office; City Clerk, Joan Ross, Deputy City Clerk, Teresa Meier-Brock; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt, & Svoboda; Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff and Nate Jenkins, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

**I. MAYOR**

Mayor Coleen Seng stated to Council that first of all, she wants to say that this was probably a busy weekend for a lot of people because there were a lot of events going on. Mayor Seng stated to Council the North Star High School opened up; the Trails had a big event going on; the backyard Garden Tour and there was a 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Prairie Peace Park. So, it was a good weekend for all of that.

Mayor Coleen Seng stated to Council that she really wanted to talk a little bit about the Bond Rating and she wanted to stress the importance of what this means for the City of Lincoln and she thinks that they have this material in their packets. [Council received this material in their Directors' Agenda packets.] Mayor Seng briefly went over the material with Council. Mayor Seng stated to Council the Resolution that they passed to make sure they have a certain amount of dollars put a side for the fund balance or the percentage really helped them to get the higher bond rating. So, in future years every time they go out for a bond they're going to have a better rate given to them and she wants them to know how important that really was on what they did. Mayor Seng stated to Council that this will be a big deal for future years and what was on the ballot now in May was the Storm Sewer Bonds and when those go out, she believes that they can hear from Don [Herz] and they'll have a better bond rating because of it. [Copy of this Material on file in the City Council Office - RE: City Earns Top Bond Rating - Top ratings from two major agencies put City in elite class]

Mayor Coleen Seng stated to Council that she also wanted to point out something that was in their packet, a letter that Roger Figard wrote to Linda Wilson in regards to their Wheel Tax. Mayor Seng stated to Council that she knows through the years she would always get questions about is the wheel tax really spent and were they spending it on wrong things. Mayor Seng stated to Council that this is an excellent letter for them to keep and refer back to because Roger [Figard] did an excellent job of laying this out. So, this is good reference material and commented that she intends to keep this letter kind of close at hand.

Mayor Coleen Seng commented that they'll have Allan [Abbott] close his ears for a little while because she thought 66<sup>th</sup> & "O" Street is just a difficult, difficult area to get through, if anyone has to get through there. Mayor Seng commented to Council that she's reminded when they're out there what Allan Abbott always says 'take a patient pill' because you really need it.

Mayor Coleen Seng commented to Council that she believes that they would probably be contacted, she knows that they have heard about the AmeriCorps Workers and there was some funding that seems to have been lost and she wants them to know that it is this year's funding, not next years funding. So, they're trying to contact Delegation and they'll be sending a letter, but just so they understand that it is this year's funding, so there's no confusion. Mayor Seng stated to Council that she thinks the City has about 10 AmeriCorps Workers, they have quite a few over in the Parks & Recreation Department and they've got some over in Library and so they have really utilized those and staff there may want to talk about it later.

Mayor Coleen Seng stated to Council that she thinks today is Mike Merwick's birthday, but she hasn't seen him, so he might have taken today off.

Mayor Coleen Seng commented to Council keep thinking about July 7<sup>th</sup>, which is the day when they're going to have a Budget presentation and the State of the City and so that's going to be a tough weekend because of the Fourth of July and all of those activities going on. Mayor Seng commented to Council that she thinks all of them will be back, right and she asked Jonathan [Cook] if he will be back. Mr. Cook stated to Mayor Seng 'yes', he'll be back.

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## **II. CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that first of all, she wants to let them know that Deputy City Clerk Teresa Meier-Brock will be at the Council Meeting today, she will handle the meeting for them, she's all ready to go. Mr. Camp stated to City Clerk Joan Ross okay.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Items 3 & 4 [Application of Summit Properties, L.L.C. dba Sidelines Deli for a Class J liquor license at 1000 Saunders Avenue; and Manager application of Mark Brouillette for Summit Properties, L.L.C. dba Sidelines Deli at 1000 Saunders Avenue] she would like to have these two items called together.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Items 5 & 6 [Application of Mettlen, Inc. dba Jax for a Class C liquor license at 2711 South 48<sup>th</sup> Street; and Manager application of Eugene Podolak for Mettlen, Inc. dba Jax at 2711 South 48<sup>th</sup> Street] she would like to have these two items called together.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 7 [Approving a lease/purchase between the City and the lowest successful bidder for a portable video message board at Pershing Auditorium] she handed out to them a Motion-to-Amend for this item and then also the request for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading today.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 11 [Special Permit 2015 - Application of Nebraska Broadcasting, L.L.C. to erect a 227' broadcast tower for AM band radio, with a waiver of the landscape screening requirements, on property generally located northwest of the intersection of North 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and Gladstone Street] she handed out to them a Motion-to-Amend for this item. City Clerk Joan Ross indicated to Council that there's some corrections in the Resolution.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council just as a reminder that on Item 27 [Amending the corporate limits of the City by annexing approx. 39.9 acres of property generally located northwest of the intersection of S. 84<sup>th</sup> St. & Hwy 2] there is a Substitute Ordinance for this item.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 29 [Accepting & approving the preliminary plat of Pine Lake Plaza for nine residential lots, 12 lots for office/commercial & three outlots, with waivers to the required intersection platforms, non-radial or perpendicular side lot lines, reconstruction of Pine Lake Road to urban section, turning lane depth, sewer system running opposite street grades & deeper than standards, sidewalks, maximum block length, & pedestrian way easement, on property generally located northwest of the intersection of S. 84<sup>th</sup> Street & Hwy 2] there are some Motions-to-Amend for this item and she thinks that Nicole [Fleck-Tooze] would like to make some comments on it.

Nicole Fleck-Tooze stated to Council that she just wants to remind them that this would be the preliminary plat for Pine Lake Plaza and since it has been on Pending for a little while, they have a memo from her dated March 10<sup>th</sup> that outlines some of the areas of agreement and disagreement and then the associated Motions-to-Amend just to clarify. Ms. Tooze stated to Council that she thinks they had some that had been earlier submitted that incorporated into later Motions-to-Amend. So, she believes that her and the City Clerk are in an agreement on that, they really have two Motions-to-Amend that are relevant. Ms. Tooze stated to Council that one is Motion-to-Amend #2 for the

preliminary plat, which is Russ's planned areas where they agreed with the applicant and came to some agreement that this would supercede all previous Motions-to-Amend by the applicant except for the Motion-to-Amend submitted by Mark Hunzeker, which states as the reason to allow ride-in, ride-out access to lot 6 Block 3 from 84<sup>th</sup> Street and Public Works continues to be opposed to this proposed Motion-to-Amend. But, she believes that these two Motions-to-Amend #2 and the Motion-to-Amend to allow driveway access to 84<sup>th</sup> Street should be the only two that they need to consider and all of the others would be superceded by these two. Mr. Camp 'thanked' Nicole Fleck-Tooze.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 31 [Approving an Annexation Agreement between Ridge Development Company and the City of Lincoln outlining certain conditions and understandings with regards to the annexation of approximately 46.22 acres of property generally located northeast of the intersection of South 56<sup>th</sup> Street and Yankee Hill Road] they have a Motion-to-Amend for this item.

Mr. Camp asked Deputy City Clerk Teresa Meier-Brock if she feels comfortable going through that because he knows what they've had and since this has been on the Agenda quite a bit. Deputy City Clerk Teresa Meier-Brock stated to Mr. Camp that Joan [Ross] has brought her up to speed. Mr. Camp stated to Deputy City Clerk Teresa Meier-Brock 'oh', great, she'll be his guide dog today. Deputy City Clerk Teresa Meier-Brock stated to Mr. Camp okay. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Camp that they have been over it a couple of times.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that she wanted to quickly ask about Item 47 [Application of Dian Hua dba "Gourmet China Buffet" for a Class "J" liquor license at 5130 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street] should they be withdrawing this item and asked Dana Roper what he thought about it. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Roper this is the one that the State Liquor Commission issued. Mr. Roper stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that they might as well. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that she will have Teresa make a note and she'll just ask for a motion to withdrawal it. Mr. Svoboda stated to City Clerk Joan Ross that they still have not received a report and there has not been an interview or are they just withdrawing it all together. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Svoboda that the Liquor Commission granted the license to them, so they have it. Mr. Svoboda commented 'oh' this is the one that they were going to appeal, okay. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Svoboda 'yes'.

Mr. Cook stated that he wanted to ask about the Big Thompson Creek Annexation Agreement and stated that they have this Motion-to-Amend #2, which is presumably the one that has been signed, although, this doesn't show that and asked what has been signed by the applicant. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Cook that she doesn't know of anything, she doesn't have a signed copy, so she doesn't know. Dana Roper stated to Mr. Cook nothing that he knows of, he believes that they are going to arrive with some minor adjustments to an agreement that they're okay with. Mr. Cook commented to Mr. Roper so they're unwilling to sign the version that Kent Seacrest said that he was interested in last week because of what they



did. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Cook that Kent Seacrest wants the Hunzeker language on there. Mr. Cook commented to Mr. Roper so they don't have a sign version of that yet, but today when they come in they'll provide them with amendments of some kind that they'll act on and then they'll sign it. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Cook that he assumes they're going to show up with a signed one with incorporating any amendments, but he can't say for sure. Mr. Cook commented to Mr. Roper so why do they need Motion-to-Amend #2, how is this different from what they had before. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Cook that he thinks the Motion-to-Amend #2 is a step on the road map. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Roper okay and 'thanked' him.

Mr. Camp mentioned that he is the United Nations representative again this year.

Mr. Svoboda stated that Glenn [Friendt] has informed him that do to some budgetary reasons there may be a need to push his appointment to the RTSD Board through, he was wondering if they might want to waive the rules and have the hearing and vote today and indicated that today it is on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and next week for vote. Mr. Friendt stated that they did not have a quorum this morning to conduct business and Ken [Svoboda] even though he wasn't there, he couldn't sit in because his appointment has not been approved. Mr. Cook asked when is the next meeting? Mr. Svoboda stated that to Mr. Cook that they're trying to set it up. Mr. Friendt stated to Mr. Cook that they're trying to set it up for Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Discussion continued on this issue with Council. Following the discussion, Council decided that they would waive the rules to have action today on Ken Svoboda's Appointment to the RSTD Board. Mr. Camp asked Deputy City Clerk Teresa Meier-Brock to please make a note of that.

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Don Herz stated to Mr. Camp that he would just like to send his 'thanks' to Council for getting that Resolution passed and echo to what Mayor Seng said about how important that accomplishment is, not only for [inaudible], but also as a significant help in their economy. So, he just wanted to 'thank' all of them.

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**PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT** - Allan Abbott stated to Council that he has a couple of things for them. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that first of all, unless they saw it in the newspaper that they are getting their pavement markings out a little bit earlier this year. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that hopefully if the weather cooperates they will get it done and they'll try to do it in a time frame that doesn't disrupt traffic.

Allan Abbott stated the second thing, Annette [McRoy] so that she knows they have put the dust control out on West Adams Street and now they're getting calls from a few people that the chemicals they put down are causing a burning reaction to their skin. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that this is impossible with what they've used, so if they do get some calls they are using magnesium chloride and there's no way that magnesium chloride can cause chemical burn when it gets hot. So, they've got the dust control down, but there has been some complaints about what they are using for the dust control and so he just wanted them to be aware of it. Ms. McRoy commented to Mr. Abbott 'well', is it floating through the air. Mr. Abbott stated to Ms. McRoy 'well', you know when you put it down there is always a little and you mix it up on the street, so there's always a little bit in the air. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that he knows Lin [Quenzer] mentioned that there were a lot of phone calls coming in about it and just so they're aware of it. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Abbott okay and 'thanked' him very much because she did get a nasty E-Mail last week and she was wondering about it and she meant to call, but she was on vacation, but now she's back and now it's done.

**URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT** - Marc Wullschleger stated to Council that a lot of them have asked about the old Federal Building. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council that there is activity there today, they have removed all the markers around the building and they're working on the building and officially today they are starting interior demo and a week from today they will start asbestos removal, which is suppose to take about a month and a half and then another 9 to 10 months for actual construction for inside of the building and a little bit on the outside. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council that they will have a grand opening in May of 2004, hopefully and so if they have any questions let him know. Mr. Friendt asked Mr. Wullschleger if they mowed the lawn? Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Friendt 'yes', they did. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Mr. Friendt 'yes' and they were very harass about that. Ms. McRoy commented that the grass was high. Mr. Camp commented to Mr. Wullschleger that he hates to ask the question, but he had some calls in the last week or two about the concerns that they have seen a variety of articles, which he didn't see in the press or something about the Omaha developments. Mr. Camp asked Mr. Wullschleger if there's anything there that they need to be aware of that might impact the integrate of 'NuStyles'. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Mr. Camp 'no' and indicated that he has heard those rumors too, but not sure what building they are referring to in Omaha. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council that he did have a chance to drive by Gray Court yesterday in downtown Omaha and it looks really good, there's a brand new school and he's just assuming that is the project they are talking about. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council that everything looked good up there and just for their information each one of those projects that they set up is an independent project, so one does not depend on the other and so this is a separate corporation here that they have set up for ownership of the old Federal Building. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Wullschleger if there is anything could he bring it to their attention. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Mr. Camp 'sure'.

## **V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **KEN SVOBODA**

Mr. Svoboda stated that he would like to see Lynn Johnson after the Directors' Meeting today.

### **ANNETTE McROY**

Ms. McRoy asked Mayor Seng if her staff talked to the Library about Amrita's [Mahapatra] concerns from the MAC [Multicultural Advisory Committee] Meeting about the library books. Mayor Seng stated to Ms. McRoy 'no', not that she knows of, but they will. Ms. McRoy stated to Mayor Seng that she will too and 'thanked' her.

### **TERRY WERNER - ABSENT**

## **JONATHAN COOK**

Mr. Cook stated that in this morning's newspaper there was an article by someone named Darlene Starman about the Flood Plain Regulation ("Flood plain arguments hit low with personal attacks") and she said that 'A Great Deal of Lincoln's Employment Base may be as high as 80% is located in the Flood Plain'. Mr. Cook asked if there is any truth to that and if they have any idea how much of the employment base is located in the flood plain vs. not. Mr. Cook commented that this may come up again as they discuss flood plain regulations. Marvin Krout stated to Mr. Cook that he doesn't have any estimate and he's not for sure how persistent their employment data is, but if there's a possibility of an answer, they'll get back to him with one. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Krout okay.

Mr. Cook stated the sheet that was handed out at the Neighborhood Roundtable Meeting, some of the meeting dates are wrong like the Parks & Recreation Board Meeting has moved a couple of times and this date is from a couple of times ago. Mr. Cook commented that there may be others that will probably need to be updated and so he just thought he would mention it. Mayor Seng commented to Mr. Cook leave it with her. Mr. Cook stated to Mayor Seng okay.

Mr. Cook asked Lynn Johnson if anybody in the Parks & Recreation Department received a letter from Eugene Clausen about making a connection to the Bison Trail from West Van Dorn. Lynn Johnson stated to Mr. Cook that he knows they have talked about it, but he hasn't seen that specific letter. Mr. Cook asked Mr. Johnson if he wants him to just make it an RFI to him. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Cook that sounds good. [Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Johnson okay, he will send it through as a Request For Information to him for a response.

Mr. Cook asked if they are going to do a Bike Lane Study anytime soon for downtown and asked if it is on the Agenda at this time or where does it stand. Marvin Krout stated to Mr. Cook that the current plan is to incorporate it as part of the larger Downtown Master Plan and they're hoping to launch that effort in about January of next year. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Krout that he's received some E-Mail's on it. Mr. Krout stated to Mr. Cook that their staff responded to a series of letters that they've received on it. Mr. Cook commented that he's just concerned that they're kind of over due on it already that it was supposed to be within the year of adoption and now they're going to push it off a little longer. Mayor Seng stated to Mr. Cook that she thinks that has to do with the Downtown Study. Mr. Cook commented that definitely DLA (Downtown Lincoln Association) needs to be involved very much in it. Mayor Seng commented to Mr. Cook 'yes', they do. Discussion continued with Council, Marvin Krout and Mayor Seng on this issue with comments from the Council. Following the discussion, Mayor Seng stated to Council that the meeting to begin on the study for the Convention Center is tomorrow morning at the Chambers and that has to tie into the Downtown Study, most likely.

Mr. Cook stated that he would like to see Allan Abbott after the Directors' Meeting today.

## **PATTE NEWMAN**

Ms. Newman stated that she needs to see Allan Abbott after the Directors' Meeting today as well.

## **JON CAMP**

Mr. Camp stated that he appreciates the Mayor bringing up the AmeriCorps. Mr. Camp stated that he was going to ask to with it being funded even just this year is that going to under mind the Libraries and the Parks & Recreation and commented that its got to have some effect. Mayor Seng stated to Mr. Camp that she doesn't know and asked Mark [Bowen] if he has talked to anybody yet on the AmeriCorps. Mr. Bowen stated to Mayor Seng 'no', he's got a call in that hasn't been returned yet and stated that this came up Friday morning. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Bowen okay, he appreciates the fact that they have already started working with the delegation. Mayor Seng stated to Mr. Camp that they will keep working on it. Mr. Camp stated to Mayor Seng okay.

Mr. Camp stated to the Police Department that he had some people with the hot rode group 'AmeriCruise' that was down at the Haymarket this weekend asking if there is some way that they can still have the tour around Lincoln. They said, you know, they're driving them away and his question relates to the upcoming 'AmeriCruise' and there was some sort of a show down in the Haymarket of hot rodders and they were expressing concern because they all participate in the 'AmeriCruise'. Mr. Camp commented that they said that they understand there were some concerns because of the incident this past year with a death, but what's happening is that it's making groups look more to Omaha and other communities are trying to attract these events. Mr. Camp commented that if they're talking about economic development for Lincoln and what Darl [Naumann] and LPED are trying to do, they're taking tourist dollars away and asked if there is anyway on their behalf to reconsider may be allowing the plan route and he has to concur with them. Assistant Police Chief Jim Peschong stated to Mr. Camp that he doesn't really have enough background on it to know, he just kind of thought it was some of the construction projects that were around the City that's how come they have chosen to do this. Assistant Police Chief Peschong stated to Mr. Camp that he didn't know they were the ones that really put the taboo on it, but he can find out more information on it. Ms. McRoy indicated that she thinks it is CBC that has more of a say in it than the Police Department. Mr. Svoboda stated that he thought in the newspaper article, it actually said that the 'AmeriCruise' organizers asked for this change is the way he read it in the newspaper, but he could be wrong. Mayor Seng commented 'yes', she did too. Mr. Camp commented to Nate Jenkins the Lincoln Journal Star representative what's the



answer here. Nate Jenkins stated to Mr. Camp that he recalls like what Ken [Svoboda] said the organizers of 'AmeriCruise' requested it. Assistant Police Chief Peschong stated to Mr. Camp that he will do some more checking on it from their side to see whether or not they had done it and he will let him know. Mr. Camp commented that he apologizes, if he's missed communicated.

Mr. Camp stated to Dana Roper that last week they had the vote on the Dobson situation and asked him if he could give them an update on it because he understands that they were successful in their appeal and they passed legislation that the Mayor could sign, but the idea of being that if they were successful, it wouldn't be signed and so what has happened. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Camp that they went to the Appeals Board and they suggested that it should be rebid, which is a recommendation, it isn't anything binding. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Camp that then they had a meeting with the Mayor and the ordinance says that the Mayor in making his or her decision will consult, they'll consider the recommendation of the Appeals Board will consider the recommendation of a purchasing agent and the effective department and so as he understands it the final decision has not been made. Mr. Camp asked Mayor Seng about it. Mayor Seng stated to Mr. Camp 'yes', she did meet with them late Friday afternoon and they had many questions that they needed to check on and they're following up on that, so they have not made a decision yet. Mayor Seng stated to Council that on Friday afternoon there was enough questions raised and indicated that she was prepared to make a decision, but she held up on it because there were enough questions that were raised and so they're going through a process, which is what they're doing now. Discussion continued with Council, Dana Roper and Mayor Seng on this issue with comments and questions from the Council. Following the discussion, Mr. Camp stated that maybe they need to talk more about this issue at their "Noon" Meeting today. Ms. McRoy commented to Mr. Camp that she thinks they should talk about it at their "Noon" Meeting today. Mayor Seng stated to Council 'well', let her know what they decide. Mr. Camp stated to Mayor Seng okay.

Mr. Camp stated to Allan Abbott that there is going to be some questions coming up on whether there is some inconsistency in their standards on acreage and some developments requiring curbs and gutters. Mr. Camp indicated to Mr. Abbott that he told some constituents to call Roger directly and keep it on a low screen. Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that they have a consultant for the build through or the build around concept going on and they have a meeting at Noon today, which they'll be discussing some of those things. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Abbott 'great'.

Mr. Camp stated to Dana Roper that he handed out to them the John Ways situation and asked if he had any comments on it. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Camp 'no', it's fairly simply read and since they were all named individually, he thought that he might be happy to know that he could now sale his house. Mr. Camp commented to Mr. Roper the title will be cleared now and Mr. Roper stated 'yes', it will. Mr. Camp commented that helps four of them, anyway, he thinks that a couple of their colleagues didn't get them. Ms. McRoy asked Mr. Roper if that place is closed. Mr. Roper

indicated to Ms. McRoy 'yes', it has been. Mr. Camp commented to Mr. Roper 'what', but it still has some ammunition dumps there. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Camp 'well' that's another problem the operator will be facing in the future. Mr. Roper stated to Council that Mr. Ways has Federal charges and they actually brought him back that he was in Federal custody and they agreed to pay his housing fee, his room and board for a week because they had some charges that they wanted to bring ahead and so they had him for a week and convicted him on three charges. Mr. Roper stated to Council the reason they did it is that those become a factor when he gets convicted on the Federal charges that it will be a factor in his sentencing and so that's why they did it, but he's back with the Feds and will be working his way through their system. Mr. Camp commented to Mr. Roper so they will not have any conversations with him in the near future. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Camp that he doesn't think so, but you never know.

Mr. Camp commented to Assistant Police Chief Jim Peschong that maybe he needs to talk with Chief Casady about the Peddler Permits that he had brought up some things on it and asked if they're still examining the ordinance to see if they could maybe make it a little bit stricter. Dana Roper stated to Mr. Camp that they are gathering some information on it. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Roper 'okay', great.

#### **GLENN FRIENDT**

Mr. Friendt stated to Assistant Chief Police Jim Peschong that they all received a letter from a gentleman from Holmesville, who was debating about whether he could still trade in new business in Lincoln because of our Gun Control Ordinance. Mr. Friendt stated that he also wanted to know which misdemeanors this covered and asked if he could just send him a copy of the ordinance that has the misdemeanors in it. Ms. McRoy commented could they just have the Police send one for the Council Chair instead of all responding to it. Mr. Friendt stated to Ms. McRoy 'yes' that's why, he just wanted to have one person do it and not take up anybody else's time. Mr. Svoboda commented that's what he was going to ask.

### **ADDENDUM (For June 16<sup>th</sup>)**

#### **I. MAYOR**

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Parking Lot Changes Lead To Closure Of Recycling Site. — NO COMMENTS
2. Washington Report - June 13, 2003. — NO COMMENTS

#### **II. CITY CLERK - NONE**

### **III. CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **A. COUNCIL REQUESTS**

##### **JON CAMP**

1. E-Mail from Joe Lewis to Jon Camp - RE: Dog attack.. — NO COMMENTS
2. E-Mail from Traci Cameron, Cameron Courseware & Instruction to Jon Camp - RE: Opposition to Grade & Gravel. (This E-Mail same as Item 1 under “C. Miscellaneous”- See E-Mail). — NO COMMENTS

#### **B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE**

#### **C. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. E-Mail from Traci Cameron, Cameron Courseware & Instruction - RE: Opposition to Grade & Gravel. (Same E-Mail as Item 2 under “Jon Camp” - See E-Mail). —  
NO COMMENTS

### **VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:48 a.m.**